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A new home being built by Marriott heir John Marriott in the 10800 block of Pleasant Hill Drive in the Potomac Falls neighborhood caught fire last week causing roughly \$4 million in damage.

Potomac Falls Home Burns

Two-alarm fire causes estimated \$4 million of damage in new home being built by Marriott heir.

Flames shot hundreds of feet high into the night sky in the Potomac Falls neighborhood on Thursday, July 31 as a two-alarm fire broke out in a new 26,000 square-foot home in the 10800 block of Pleasant Hill Drive being built by John Marriott.

The investigation into the cause of the fire is ongoing, but it most likely was caused by a spontaneous combustion of piled rags that were being used to stain and treat stacks of linear wood flooring, said Pete Piringer, a spokesman for Montgomery County Fire and Rescue.

Neighbors called in reports of smoke coming from the home's garage around 10:15 p.m. Firefighters from the two nearby Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department stations and the Rockville Volunteer Fire De-

partment on Falls Road, among others, responded and walked to the back of the home where the garage is located. While firefighters investigated the fire the flames exploded and quickly spread through the house, Piringer said.

"We went to defensive operations pretty quickly," Piringer said, meaning that firefighters could not enter the home and attack the fire and instead treated it with heavy water application from outside. The flames were contained within a half hour but the final hot spots were not put out until the following morning.

The home was to have an estimated \$14 million value when completed, said Piringer, and damage estimates were in the \$4 to \$5 million range. The house was already under roof with the windows installed, but there was no dry wall, no doors and the flooring was unfinished.

"That was really a condition that made it conducive to rapid fire spread," said Piringer. "It was a virtual lumber yard."

Piringer credited the incident commanders in charge of the response with stabiliz-

ing the fire that blistered construction storage bins 50 feet from the house and scattered large, burning embers around the neighborhood as the house burned. Fire officials used brush trucks — converted heavy-duty pickup trucks — to patrol the neighborhood and put out several small fires started in wooded areas and one that set fire to the shingling of a neighboring house.

"It was a virtual lumber yard."

— Pete Piringer, spokesman, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue

"For a little while it was pretty intense as far as these large embers going everywhere," Piringer said.

The practice of storing treated lumber inside of the structure during construction was not unusual, according to Piringer.

"We believe that the fire was caused by spontaneous combustion and the rapid fire spread not only because of the type of construction but also because of the accumulation of flammable fumes [that had built up in the house]," Piringer said. "Most of the time it doesn't catch on fire."

John Marriott is the son of Marriott Chief Executive Bill Marriott, Piringer said.

— AARON STERN

Melt Down?

Community protests potential closure of ice cream store and changes at Potomac Village.

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC

Come next May Sprinkles will have been in Potomac Village for 20 years. It may not live to see 21.

Officials from Zuckerman Gravely Management, the company that Sprinkles leases its retail space from, informed store owner Tom Orban in late July that his lease will not be renewed when it expires early next year, Orban said. The potential closing is the latest chapter in what many view as Potomac Village's continued transition from a community hub featuring locally-owned and operated businesses to nationwide chains of banks, pharmacies and food service stores.

In a letter to Montgomery County Councilman Roger Berliner on Friday, August 1, Potomac resident Marcy Markowitz decried the transition.

"I have lived in Potomac for six years and in this time I have seen many of our neighborhood services disappear... Potomac is no longer a town center but a financial center with 11 banks!" Markowitz wrote.

"This is a Potomac institution," said Ginger Silvers of the Fox Hills neighborhood as she and her husband Howard Silvers sat inside the store eating ice cream on Saturday, Aug. 2. Outside of the store — which was plastered with various signs — a group of children were gathering signatures for a petition that they plan to present to Zuckerman Gravely urging the company to reconsider its decision.

**"What's the reason for destroying this relationship? People don't see it. I don't see it."
— Tom Orban, Sprinkles owner**

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County Fair This Weekend

The 60th annual Montgomery County Agricultural Fair kicks off this weekend. There will be arts, crafts, animals and rides as usual. Some new additions for this year include the Battle of the Beast Rodeo, a larger variety of commercial and craft exhibits, a larger milking parlor and birthing center, new food concessions and the new Moovies in Community Square. For information and times, visit the fair's Web site at www.mcagfair.com.

Feldman Recognized

The National Coalition for Capital last week recognized Del. Brian Feldman for his ongoing efforts to promote economic development in Maryland. Feldman was honored for taking a leadership role in several key legislative efforts to foster capital investment in traditionally underserved regions across the state. Specifically, Feldman's legislative efforts supporting economic development include sponsoring the Biotechnology Investment Incentive Act in Maryland, an economic development tool designed to strengthen the biotech sector by providing tax credits to investors in early-stage biotechnology companies headquartered in Maryland. To date, this program has resulted in more than \$12 million in investment in Qualified Maryland Biotechnology Companies.

The awards ceremonies took place on July 22 and 23 in New Orleans, La. while many leaders were attending the National Conference of State Legislators.

The National Coalition for Capital (NCFC) is a non-profit, nationwide coalition of leaders supporting economic development and job creation through long-term access to capital for entrepreneurs and emerging companies. To learn more about NCFC, visit www.nationalcoalitionforcapital.org.

Dragonflies and Damsels

Join the Potomac Conservancy's Dragonfly and Damselfly Walk with Kevin Munroe as he takes visitors on a journey along the C&O Canal tow path to explore the life of dragonflies and damselflies on Saturday, Aug. 9, 12-2 p.m. at the River Center at Lockhouse 8 in the C&O Canal National Historical Park, Cabin John. For more information, contact Potomac Conservancy's River Center Coordinator Bridget Chapin, at chapin@potomac.org or 301-608-1188, x213, or go to www.potomac.org.

Back-To-School Fair

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) will kick off the school year with a Back-to-School Fair at the school system's central office location in Rockville. The event for Montgomery County Public Schools families will take place on Saturday, Aug. 16, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., on the grounds of Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville.

Coordinated by the Department of Communications' Division of Family and Community Partnerships (DFCP), the fair will feature information and resources for parents and activities and entertainment for children.

Some of the highlights include student and community performance groups, local celebrities, international food, and health screenings provided by Kaiser Permanente. MCPS staff members will be available to answer questions and provide information. Among the offices represented will be curriculum, special education, food and nutrition, early childhood, consortia and application programs, and transportation. A number of county organizations also will be present, including health and human services, public libraries, Montgomery College, College Savings Plans of Maryland, Montgomery County Council of PTAs, NAACP, and the City of Rockville.

Items available for attendees to take home include books, school supplies, and school system resources. More than 50 donated prizes will be raffled, including an iPod, bicycles, and fitness classes.

Parking will be available on the Montgomery College campus across Mannakee Street from the fair site. Shuttle buses will run to the fair site throughout the day from Northwest and Montgomery Blair high schools.

For more information, call the Division of Family and Community Partnerships at 301-279-3100.

NEWS

There To Help

Sexual Assault Outreach Volunteer Program seeks more volunteers.

BY CHANDOS CULLEEN
THE ALMANAC

Hidden underneath the hustle and bustle of life in Montgomery County lies an ugly statistic.

Montgomery County has the fourth highest number of rapes reported over a five-year period in the state of Maryland, topped only by Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and Prince George's County.

To combat crimes of sexual assault, Montgomery County offers the Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Program (VASAP), which is designed to help victims of sexual assault, as well as victims of other crimes. Counseling, psychiatric evaluation, anonymous third party reporting of rape, and assistance in getting through the criminal justice system are a few of VASAP's services.

The Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Program also offers an outreach program that responds to sexual assault victims when a sexual assault is first reported. Jo Recalt, Usha Bhat, Ashfaq Dawood, and Bunnie Gordon are four of the half-dozen or so Potomac residents volunteering for the Sexual Assault Outreach Volunteer Program, and the group is searching for more qualified volunteers.

IF ACCEPTED to the Outreach program, each volunteer is trained in a 40-hour training program over the course of about one month.

"Coming from an information-technology background I had read [information] on sexual assault but it was very limited," said Dawood. "Training teaches you so much and opens your eyes."

After graduating from the class, each volunteer schedules an on-call time — a minimum of either two 6-hour shifts per week or one 12-hour shift per week, every week, for a year. During this on-call time volunteers must be able to respond to a page by arriving at either a hospital or police station in 30 minutes.

In addition, each volunteer is issued a bag containing several supplies to help with an outreach. Within the bag is an information packet for the victim with the contact information of counselors and other help, a stuffed animal for comfort, and a spare change of clothes. Often volunteers supplement these bags with their own supplies, such as magazines for teen victims or coloring supplies for younger victims or family members.

At an outreach, a volunteer works to provide crisis counseling, information, advocacy, and companion services to victims of rape and sexual assault, as well as their families. These outreaches can be hard but volunteers find them extremely rewarding. "At my first one, as I was leaving, the victim gave me a



PHOTO BY CHANDOS CULLEEN / THE ALMANAC

The waiting room at the Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Program.

huge hug," said Bhat, "and that was what got me."

Outreaches can be extremely eye opening for the volunteer. "One of my first outreaches — it was a very long one," recalled Bunnie Gordon. "I got called away from one to another. I went from a young lady with her family to a woman who was an alcoholic and a druggie. I wondered to myself, 'why did I leave this young woman for someone who was an alcoholic and a druggie?' And I realized that this woman needed help too. My view changed from that point on. She was raped. It doesn't matter who she was. She was a victim and needed help just as much as the young girl."

THE HARSH NATURE of the events that volunteers deal with can be tough for some to handle. "In doing this you have to be able to let go," said Gordon "if you don't, it can start to prey on your mind."

However, in addition to providing counseling to victims, VASAP provides counseling and support services for its volunteers. Volunteers meet on one Tuesday a month to discuss their outreaches and help one another to discuss and cope with the events they may have seen or had to deal with in the previous month.

These monthly meetings and the events that the volunteers go through help to form strong bonds between the volunteers. "We're a very good group that works well together," said Gordon. "Very diverse but we work well together." [[age, gender, ethnicity info would go here]]

There is also a very low turnover rate among the volunteers, according to Recalt, exemplifying how much every volunteer feels that their work is truly helping someone. "It's very rewarding. You really feel like your making a difference," said Recalt.

All four volunteers stressed the need for more volunteers. According to Karen Riibner, a supervisory therapist, the program is currently understaffed and the program recently increased its number of annual training sessions from two to three in order to increase opportunities for volunteers to join and get placed in the program. "The more people we have, the better our program is" said Gordon.

To Volunteer

To find out more information or to request an application visit www.vasap.org or call 240-777-1355.

Minimum Requirements for Volunteers

- ❖ 21 years or older.
- ❖ Successful completion of 40 hour volunteer training program.
- ❖ Minimum commitment of 12 hours per week for one year (hours of operation are 24 hours/day, 365 days a year).
- ❖ Montgomery County residents.
- ❖ Ability to respond to Shady Grove Adventist Hospital or Police Headquarters (Rockville) within 30 minutes.
- ❖ Must have car and driver's license.

NEWS

Dual Role No Longer

Crist steps down as MCHS CEO effective no later than Sept. 30, will continue as president.

JC Crist has resigned his position as Montgomery County Humane Society's CEO to be effective on or before Sept. 30.

Crist has served jointly as the CEO and president of the board of directors since 2005. His title as CEO had been removed from the organization's Web site several weeks ago but he has continued in that capacity since then, said Jo Ann Hoffman, a board member and the organization's treasurer.

The decision to accept Crist's resignation was announced in an email to The Almanac that was received too late to include for publication on Tuesday, July 30 in an article in last week's Almanac about a split among the Humane Society's board of directors.

"This has sort of been a work in progress for a while now," said Hoffman.

Crist will continue as the president of the board of directors for a time period that was not specified, though Hoffman said that Crist will not return as the president after new elections to the board take place in December.

The Humane Society's board of directors also said in the same announcement that it is in the final stages of hiring a consultant to assist the group in overhauling its organizational and management structure.

The exact nature of the changes will be determined in collaboration with the consultant, said Hoffman, but they will focus on the position and duties of an executive director or a similar position, as well as the organization's fund-raising procedures and other operational functions.

"Hopefully we'll be able to accomplish

even more now and some of the things we know we need to continue to work on, especially in this economy, and continue to get new ideas," Hoffman said. "I think this is something that ... is a big step for [the] organization to take."

The impending changes come after several months of turbulence on the board during which three board members resigned due to conflicts with Crist and disagreements with the current board of directors. Since Crist has taken over, placement rates of animals in the rescue shelter operated jointly by the Humane Society and Montgomery County have risen sharply and the numbers of animals euthanized have decreased dramatically, but fund-raising figures have also declined significantly and the board has increasingly been beset with internal friction (to read the original story log onto www.potomacalmanac.com).

The Humane Society's board of directors will have six potential openings to fill in December's elections and Hoffman said that they hope to make the board more ethnically and racially diverse; the current board has no Latinos, blacks or Asians, she said. They are also looking for potential board members with financial, legal or fund-raising expertise.

In accepting Crist's resignation, the board thanked Crist for his service.

"The board wishes to recognize JC Crist for his extreme commitment to the mission of the MCHS, realization of so many goals that seemed beyond reach and his dedicated, selfless efforts on behalf of the organization, our staff, the animals and the community we serve," read the statement.

— AARON STERN

FAITH NOTES

Horns In The Bible concert presented by Pre-lude Brass Quintet. An evolutionary musical story depicting the history of the trumpet/horns of the Bible. Come join them for entertainment and refreshments **Aug. 24**, 4:30 p.m., Rockville Presbyterian Church, 215 West Montgomery Avenue, Rockville. Call 301-762-3363.

Rockville Presbyterian Church welcomes all Presbyterians for Sunday School, worship service, refreshments and fellowship after worship. They also provide comfort and solace with spiritual support and organized funeral services. Located at 215 West Montgomery Ave., Rockville. Call 301-762-3363.

Shalem Institute offers a guided mid-day **Prayer Peace Circle**, on Wednesdays from noon-12:45 p.m. in the Shalem Meditation Room & Library, 5430 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 140, Bethesda. For more information, contact 301-897-7334 or visit www.shalem.org.

COLLEGE NOTES

Urania Dagalakis of Potomac, daughter of Dr. Nicholas G. Dagalakis and Artemis K. Dagalakis was named to the honor list of Oxford College, the two-year liberal arts division of Emory University located in Oxford, Georgia, for the 2008 spring semester.

Rachel Toran, of Potomac, received the Stu-

dent Activity Award from Boston University College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences: Sargent College at its annual Senior Awards Reception on Friday, May 16. Of nine Outstanding Senior Awards presented, the two Student Activity Awards recognize seniors who make strong contributions to college and/or university extracurricular activities.

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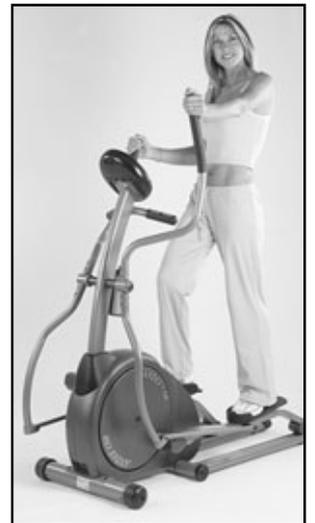
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Community Opposes Sprinkles' Closure

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Sprinkles serves as a local hangout for children and an impromptu gathering spot for adults as well, Ginger Silvers said.

"You come here and sit for a little bit, you get to see everyone you know," she said. Her husband Howard Silvers lamented the loss of the sense of community that stores like Sprinkles help to create.

"To see this whole [community] theme deteriorate and to see this now, I mean what's going on?" he said. "All of a sudden we're seeing more banks and drugstores, what do we need [them] for?"

Zuckerman Gravelly officials did not return calls from The Almanac seeking comment for this story.

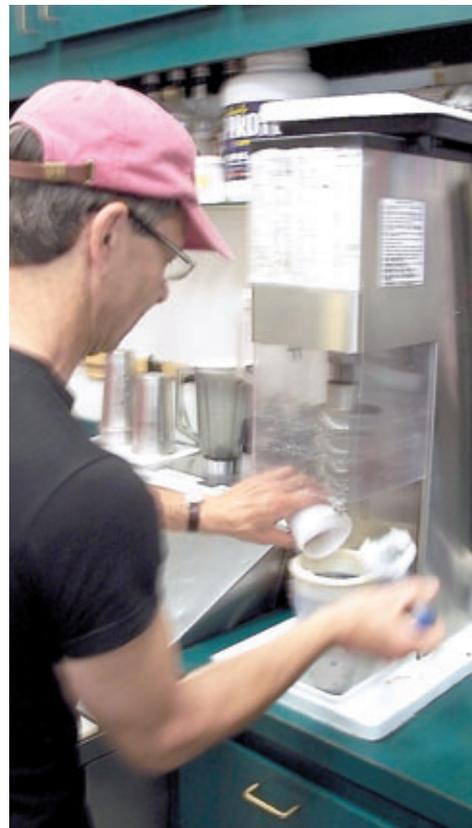
ORBAN OPENED SPRINKLES nearly 20 years ago as an I Can't Believe It's Yogurt franchise, one of seven that he once owned and operated. He got rid of the franchises over the years and scaled down to just the Potomac Village location seven years ago and converted it to Sprinkles. The

690-square-foot space is tight, but with a couple of small round tables for customers to sit at and multi-colored menu boards scattered throughout the store offering various ice cream and frozen yogurt concoctions as well as coffee, bagels and doughnuts, it has a cozy feel.

Over the years Orban, who holds a master's degree in social work, said that he has tried to employ local teenagers to help him run his store. Employed or not, teenagers tend to migrate to his store, particularly during the long summer days and nights, leaving Orban feeling like part ice cream vendor, part babysitter, dual roles he said is proud to play.

"That's what the Village needs more of, not less," he said.

The store is open every day of the year except for Christmas. The coffee, doughnuts and bagels get the store through the winter, but it is the frozen treats that have earned Sprinkles its status in Potomac and recognition outside of it as well — the 2007-2008 DC Chef's, a food service industry magazine, rated Sprinkles the best place to go for milkshakes and ice cream in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area (www.dc-chefs.com/dcchefs_recommend.pdf).



Sprinkles owner Tom Orban makes a shake. Orban said that he was notified two weeks ago by Zuckerman Gravelly Management officials that his lease would not be renewed next year.

Yet it is the way the store brings together people in the community more than anything the store serves that Sprinkles regulars say they will miss the most, and the irony of the situation is that the potential closure has garnered just the type of community bonding that places like Sprinkles should engender in the first place, said Orban.

That community cohesiveness was evident on Saturday as children with clipboards stood outside of the store and roamed around the rest of the Village gathering signatures for their petitions. That activism has gone online as well. Neighborhood listserves have buzzed with the news since word got out and two facebook support groups totaling more than 450 members by Monday, August 4 — 'S.O.S. Save our sprinkles,' and 'Save Sprinkles! This is an outrage!' — have launched as well.

ORBAN HAS WATCHED in recent years as locally-owned and operated stores have closed over the years, from Café Rovel, to Pace Office Supplies, La De Da arts and crafts and, most recently, Flaps Restaurant last fall.

"When a business like [Flaps] leaves, there's a quality that's gone," Orban said. Now his customers are saying the same about his store.

"I love coming here," said Linda Youngentrob, who said she walks there with her three children frequently. "It's been in Potomac so long [and] it's the only ice cream store in Potomac."

"One of the joys of country living, if you



The entrance to Sprinkles was plastered with signs protesting the potential closure of the store on Saturday, Aug. 2 as patrons ate ice cream and signed petitions urging the retail space's management company to reconsider.

will, are mom and pop stores like this," said Sprinkles customer Phil Peter, of Potomac.

"And they're slowly disappearing," said Jania Peter said.

"I was so upset, we've been coming here all our lives," said Holton Arms student Mary Mutryn of her reaction when she heard of Sprinkles' potential closure. "It's really friendly and it keeps the theme of the Village not with all the banks but family-friendly. You almost always run into someone you know."

"I moved away for two years and the first thing I wanted to do when I came back was go to Sprinkles," said Stone Ridge student Kelly Seegers. Both girls are Potomac residents and on Saturday they and their friends Mary Creel and

Alexandra Michaels, also of Potomac, were among the children who were gathering petition signatures.

Donna Mutryn, Mary's mother, said that she and others were working to get Safeway and Rite Aid to join their cause with the threat that they would shop at Giant and Walgreen's if they did not.

"Hit em where it hurts," Donna Mutryn said.

Orban said he wasn't given a reason that his lease would not be extended, nor was he given an option.

"What's the reason for destroying this relationship?" Orban said. "People don't see it. I don't see it."



Dylan and Nick Strother pay for ice cream on Saturday afternoon at Sprinkles.

His space is so small that he said he can't imagine that either of the two stores that bookend it — Vie De France bakery and PNC Bank — could make much use of the space by expanding. PNC Bank manager Jason White said he did not know what his bank's plans were a spokesperson for PNC's corporate communications division said the bank does not comment on real estate transactions.

Orban know what he himself would do if Sprinkles closes, but that by ignoring the community's wishes Zuckerman Gravelly was going down the wrong road.

"There's a price to pay if they ignore the community," said Orban. "I may be gone by then, but there's a price to pay."

"This is a Potomac institution ... [y]ou come here and sit for a little bit, you get to see everyone you know."

— Ginger Silvers

CIVIC CALENDAR

To submit an item for the Civic Calendar, e-mail almanac@connectionnews.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon two weeks prior to the event. For questions, call 703-917-6451.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 6

DBSA (Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance National Capital Area) Family Support Group, will hold its only August meeting at 7:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall of St. Raphael's Church at 1513 Dunster Road (Falls Road and Dunster Road) in Rockville. The meeting is for the families and friends of people who have been diagnosed with depression or bipolar illness. Free. Call 301-299-4255 or 301-570-9065. Internet: www.dbsanca-family.org.

THURSDAY/AUG. 7

First Thursday Festa. Enjoy Italian treats and activities at Bella Italia, 4844 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Free. Call 301-654-2667.

Pain Connection. Chronic Pain Support Group, 1:30-3 p.m., Guest Speaker: Dr. Robert Gerwin, neurologist and pain specialist, from Pain and Rehabilitation Medicine, will present: "Treating Fibromyalgia." Davis Library, 6400 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, for anyone with chronic pain, family members and interested community residents. Feel free to bring ice/heat packs, pillows and mats. Contact: 301-309-2444 or www.pain-connection.org.

FRIDAY/AUG. 8

Bethesda Art Walk. 12 galleries and studios open late. Downtown Bethesda, 6-9 p.m. Free. Call 301-

215-6660.

SATURDAY/AUG. 9

THE HEALING POWER OF GRIEF workshop led by Montgomery Hospice staff. 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Robert A. Pumphrey Funeral Homes, inc., 300 W. Montgomery Ave, Rockville. Free. To register for this workshop call Pumphrey Funeral Homes at 301-652-2200.

SUNDAY/AUG. 10

Li-Ming Toastmaster will have meeting from 10:20 to 11:45 a.m. at County Council building (2nd floor conference room 2F, behind cafeteria) at 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville. Contact 301-765-1090.

TUESDAY/AUG. 12

Discussion Group. Parents of adopted adolescents. The Barker Foundation, 7979 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, 1st floor, 7-9 p.m. Ages 21 and up. Free. Call 301-664-9664.

Book-A-Librarian. Drop into the Bethesda Library, 7400 Arlington Road, Bethesda, any Tuesday morning between 10 and 11 a.m. for individualized help with aspects of the library. Call 240-777-0970.

ISAO Open House. The Montgomery County Public Schools International Student Admissions Office (ISAO) will hold an open house from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The ISAO is located at the Rocking Horse Road Center, 4910 Macon Road, in Rockville. Contact Nivea Berrios, director of the ISAO, at 301-230-0684.

SATURDAY/AUG. 16

The Healing Power Of Grief

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WEDNESDAY/AUG. 20

S.O.S. Sounds of Souljahs will be a benefit concert for United Nations Refugee Agency at the Cabin John Picnic Area, 7701 Tucker Lane, Potomac. The event will raise money for UNHCR and to give local bands a venue.

THURSDAY/AUG. 21

Montgomery County Green Democrats will meet from 7:30-9 p.m. at Azteca Restaurant, 15855 Redland Road, Rockville. The speaker will be Delegate Jeff Waldstreich, Dist. 18, Maryland Assembly. Contact greenDemocrats@gmail.com.

ENGAGEMENT



Jeffrey William Cramp, Laura Pleasants Breedlove

Breedlove, Cramp Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. John Cramp of Potomac announce the engagement of their son, Jeffrey William to Laura Pleasants Breedlove, daughter of Mark and Susan Breedlove of Mars, Pa.

The prospective groom, a 2002 graduate of Georgetown Preparatory School, earned a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Villanova University in 2006. He works for Bond Beebe Accountants, coaches swimming at Georgetown Prep and is cur-

rently studying to obtain his certified public accounting license.

The bride-to-be received a bachelor of science degree in nutrition and dietetics from New York University in 2006. She is employed by the Children's National Medical Center of Washington D.C., as a registered dietician specializing in pediatrics.

An October wedding is planned at the Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel on the Georgetown Preparatory School campus.

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Animal Shelter Story Attracts Comment

Shelter's Role: To Save Animals

To the Editor:

As a volunteer cat adoption specialist at the Montgomery County Humane Society for over 10 years, I would like to address issues in last week's article, correct some misinformation, and inform the public about the workings of its animal shelter.

Animal protection people are extremely passionate, and contention is the norm when prioritizing how best to benefit the animals

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

within the constraints of limited personnel and financial resources. So if some MCHS board members have gone away — a few with enough anger to take their issues about inadequate administrative reports to a newspaper — the public need not conclude that the Humane Society itself is in major disarray, and should not believe that it is not well serving the animals of Montgomery County. Further, to criticize the shortfalls of fund-raising efforts in our very turbulent economy is ill-considered.

Here is what the public should know. The energetic and heroic efforts of board President JC Crist and his senior staff to save the life of every single animal are without parallel, and MCHS's adoption rates are accordingly among the nation's highest. Statements to the contrary, that "his numbers are fuzzy," are just foolish.

Staff, including JC himself, work unbelievably hard to find homes for cats that the previous administration routinely euthanized (as at most public shelters). Dramatic increases in cat adoption rates are due to increased visibility from creative promotion of the cats. Promotions such as the "Seniors for Seniors" program, the Cat Adoption Festival, and many other cat-centric activities have greatly contributed to a dramatic reduction in euthanasia rates. Analogous efforts are in place for the dogs, too. Also, more veterinarians now gladly work with MCHS in order to provide medical care to animals that, in the past, would have been euthanized.

I think the main thing citizens need to know is that the shelter is terribly decrepit and outgrew the county building years ago. MCHS used its private funds to build an overflow facility to meet the growing demands of the county while waiting for a new shelter. In addition,

MCHS supplements the funds received from the county by over \$2 million annually to provide medical care, support humane education, and operate the overflow shelter and other life-saving programs. As a humane community, we need to step up and show our financial support and not criticize the organization, under Crist's leadership, that saves so many animals.

David J. Reuben
Rockville

Acknowledge Workers' Efforts

To the Editor:

Those who are truly committed to animal welfare must leave their egos at the door. Time and again, I have observed both employees and volunteers at MCHS refuse to give up their commitments to saving the lives of these unwanted animals regardless of the extreme limits (lack of funds, lack of adequate facilities, lack of adequate staff, lack of support from Montgomery County itself) under which they are forced to function. They've never thrown up their hands and walked out on the animals. They stayed and did what was necessary even when they felt there might be a better way, because the fact that the animals' welfare was seen too, not the method by which the welfare was provided, was what was ultimately most important.

I have also observed these same committed individuals obstructed and thwarted in their efforts by those who loudly protest their love for animals while, instead of cooperating with MCHS, work contrary to the animals' benefit because they think they know better and are angry that things aren't going to be done "their" way. These animal lovers then refuse to continue to be involved, or worse, do what they can to make it more difficult for MCHS to accomplish their goals.

Ask anyone who is physically involved in animal care if they would take time away from getting an animal out of a shelter situation to provide someone with statistics.

The truly committed employees and volunteers wear many hats, work far too many hours, and take more than their share of abuse from the public in their efforts to save the lives of animals that others throw away. Ask them how many times they hear "I could never work here, I love animals

too much" or "I'd love to work here, but I've got a mortgage to pay." Believe me, it is one of the most stressful and difficult jobs you'll ever love and it's no surprise that a high number of employees and volunteers have to take some time away or burn out completely.

Last summer I was fortunate enough to have been sent to the HSUS Animal Expo to attend seminars designed to help animal shelters and humane groups improve their efforts. I attended one seminar that focused specifically on what organizations like MCHS should expect from board members and one of the major responsibilities was fund-raising efforts. Our lecturer stated that every board member should contribute personal funds, as well as hit up any and every contact they had or could make for funds. Now, this may be simplifying things, but I don't think that it is necessary to know what was done in the past in order to start raising funds for the present. Yes, those statistics are handy to set goals, or to measure progress, but they aren't as important as having funds on hand to pay the vet bills! Playing the blame game, as the exiting members are doing, accomplishes nothing, and may just be camouflage for their own failure to deliver. I find it ironic that it was an HSUS seminar that opened my eyes to what some members of the MCHS board were and were not doing to support the MCHS in an optimal fashion.

Debbie Wood
— employed by MCHS 2000-2007

Impartial Audit Needed at MCHS

To the Editor:

I would like to thank Aaron Stern for his insightful article on the Montgomery County Humane Society Inc. (MCHS). The issues

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Snapshot Potomac doe and fawn.

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Have pet notes? Send an e-mail to almanac@connectionnews.com. Photos encouraged.

LET'S TALK Real Estate



by
Michael Matese

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WEDNESDAY/AUG. 6

Concert. Dan Haas (Lounge/Pop) will perform at Bethesda Lane from 6-8 p.m. Located where Bethesda Avenue, Woodmont Avenue and Elm Street meet in Bethesda. Visit www.bethesdarow.com.

FRIDAY/AUG. 8

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Community Movie Night. Admission is free. Free hot dogs and hamburgers served starting at 6 p.m. Show starts at 7 p.m. All films rated PG or lower. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. See www.northbethesdaumc.org to find out the evening's feature presentation. North Bethesda United Methodist Church is located at 10100 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. Church office: 301-530-4342.

SATURDAY/AUG. 9

Storytime. Kat Tales featuring Kat Aerobics will be at Barnes and Noble Book sellers, 4801 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda at 11 a.m. Call 301-986-1761.

Dragonfly Walk. Join Kevin Munroe as he takes participants on a journey along the C&O Canal towpath to explore the life of dragonfly and damselflies. Meet at the River Center



A dragon fly walk will be held Saturday, Aug. 9.

at Lockhouse 8, C&O Canal National Historical Park, Cabin John, 12-2 p.m. Contact Potomac Conservancy's River Center Coordinator, Bridget Chapin, at chapin@potomac.org or 301-608-1188, x213, or go to www.potomac.org.

Laugh Riot. Enjoy five local comics and have a chance to tell one's own jokes at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda, 7400 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, 8-10 p.m. Cost \$10. Call 301-657-1234.

Carousel Tours. Carousel tours start

Nature Program. Come visit Discovery Creek Children's Museum Forest Tales exhibition at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Spend time with the entire family while participating in engaging science and nature activities. In the former Glen Echo Park stable building, near the park entrance. Open 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Admission is free for members and children under 2, \$5 for nonmembers. Call 202-337-5111 to make arrangements or visit

hours. Call 240-777-0690.

English Conversation Club. Join in practicing and improving your spoken English with the help of volunteers leading discussions at the Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac, 3 p.m. Call 240-777-0690.

Yard Sale. The Pain Connection will hold a yard sale. Bicycles, clothes, toys, books, music CD's, household items and a bake sale, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., all proceeds benefit chronic

rest of the amusement park attractions that were built around it. Visit www.nps.gov/glec.

Park Tour. Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, tours begin at 2 p.m. and lead visitors through a walking tour of the Park to learn about its history and the current programs in arts, dance and children's activities. Admission is free. Tours begin at the visitor's desk in the Arcade Building. Visit www.nps.gov/glec.

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Ballroom Tea Dance. Join New HOTS Jazz Orchestra for an afternoon featuring the popular music of the 1920s Hot Dance and 1930s-40s Swing eras in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. The dance class from 3 to 3:30 pm will feature Paso Doble, taught by Todd Borzych. The lesson is for all levels and is included in the cost of admission. Admission: \$10. Call 703-860-4142.

Contra and Square Dance. The Folklore Society of Greater Washington presents traditional American dancing with a focus on New England style contra dances, including square dances, country mixers, waltzes and other couple dances at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo in the Bumper Car Pavillion. All dances are taught, and no partner is necessary. The newcomers' welcome lesson is at 7 p.m., followed by called dances with caller Gaye Fifer calls to Laurie Andres & Friends from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Admission: \$12 nonmembers/\$9 FSGW members. Web site: www.fsgw.org.



Big Wide Grin will perform for Focus Music, Aug. 13.

at 12 p.m. at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, and give visitors a closer look at the 1921 Dentzel carousel. Find out how it was made, how it works, and about the rest of the amusement park attractions that were built around it. Visit www.nps.gov/glec.

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Swing Dance. Flying Feet Enterprises presents their Deep Sea Ball and Swing Dance featuring the Boilermaker Jazz Band from Pittsburgh in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. A beginning Swing lesson from 8 to 9 p.m. with Marc Shepanek and Ellen Engle, dance from 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission: \$13. Contact Email: dance@flyingfeet.org.

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Geology Hike. Join National Park Service Volunteers for a geology hike of the Billy Goat Trail from 10-12 p.m. Visit www.nps.gov/choh/.

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Storytime. Monday morning storytime at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 4801 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda, 11 a.m. Call 301-986-1761.

TUESDAY/AUG. 12

Bethesda Reads. Join this monthly group to discuss contemporary literature at Bethesda Library, 7400 Arlington Road, Bethesda, 10:30 a.m. This month read "Boy Still Missing"

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FINE ARTS

Montgomery County Plein Air Artists are having a show at the Yellow Barn at Glen Echo on **Aug. 8, 9, 10**, 12-5 p.m., Friday and Sunday and 12-7 p.m. Saturday. Meet the Artists on Saturday at the reception from 5-7 p.m.

The Popcorn Gallery at Glen Echo Park presents an exhibition of artwork by students of all ages, created in classes at Glen Echo Park, **through Sept. 1**. Includes painting, drawing, photography, ceramics, glass, sculpture, jewelry and more. Saturdays and Sundays from 12-6 p.m. Artists' reception, **Aug. 9**, from 3-5 p.m. Call 301-634-2222 or visit www.glenechopark.org. Admission is free.

Teen artists are invited to participate in the **Rockville Library**

Teen Summer Art Show 2008 by submitting original pieces of art depicting what the process of metamorphosis means to them. Metamorphosis is the theme for this year's Teen Summer Reading Program. The art may be in the form of a painting, sculpture, song, poem, etc. and must demonstrate the concept of metamorphosis. Entries must be submitted to the Rockville Library no later than **Aug. 11**. Selected entries will be displayed at the library beginning **Aug. 21**. Call 240-777-0170.

The Metropolitan Center for the Visual Arts (VisArts at Rockville), 155 Gibbs St., Rockville, presents "**From Farm to Market**", **through Aug. 17**. This exhibit explores the impact food has on people's lives, revealing ways in which it influences relationships in how it is produced and how it is portrayed through a variety of art mediums.

This summertime exhibition features work by local area artists who look to food as their sources and inspirations for their work. Visit VisArtsCenter.org.

Osuna Art, 7200 Wisconsin Ave., Artery Plaza Lobby, Bethesda, will present "James Hilleary, Painting from the '60s" and pieces from the Washington Color School through **Aug. 20**. Gallery hours are Wednesday to Saturday, 12-5 p.m. Call 301-654-4500 or visit www.osunaart.com.

An exhibition by members of the **Advanced Master Printing** class taught by Frank "Tico" Herrera will be at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, **through Aug. 29**. Look for images covering a variety of approaches to photography. In the Photoworks Studio. Wednesdays and Sundays, 1-8 p.m., and at all times during day and evening

classes. Admission is free. Call 301-229-7930 or visit www.glenechophotoworks.org.

"Sumi-E Society of America", East Asian brush paintings and calligraphy will be on display from **through Aug. 23** at the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. Gallery hours are Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free. Call 301-581-5200.

38th Annual Labor Day Art Show. The 38th Annual Labor Day Art Show at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, is held in the historic Spanish Ballroom. The free event, sponsored by the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, runs from 12 - 6 p.m., Saturday through Monday, **Aug. 30 - Sept 1**. The show features the work of more than 200 art-

ists — both adults and children — from the mid-Atlantic region. Many artists have a connection to the Park, either as students or teachers. Includes sculpture, paintings, works on paper, ceramics, glass, jewelry, photography, furniture and more. Most artwork will also be for sale. A reception on Friday, **Aug. 29**, from 7 - 9 p.m. is open to the public, and many participating artists are expected to attend. Admission is free.

The Dennis and Phillip Ratner Museum, 10001 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda will present "Creative Expressions" from **Sept. 3-28**. A meet the artists reception will be from 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., **Sept. 7**. Museum hours are 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Sundays and 12-4 p.m. Mondays - Thursdays. Call 301-897-1518.

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by John Searles. The group meets in the large tutoring room in the library. Free and open to the public. Call 240-777-0970.

Storytime. Summer story times on the Summer Reading Club theme: Catch the Reading Bug at the Bethesda Library, 7400 Arlington Road, Bethesda, 10:30 a.m. Stories, music, and DVDs. Call 240-777-0970.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 13

Focus Music. Big Wide Grin will perform at O'Brien's BBQ, 387 East Gude Drive Rockville, 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15/general and \$12/members. Visit www.focusmusic.org.

Potluck Supper. Join The Wellness Community - Greater Washington, D.C. for a celebration of summer for people with cancer and their loved ones, 5:30 - 8 p.m. Enjoy a potluck supper, music and companionship. Attendees are encouraged to bring salad, side dish or dessert. Location: The Wellness Community - Greater Washington, DC, 5430 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 100, Bethesda. For reservations call 301-493-5002 or twcdc@thewellnesscommunity.org.

Fiction Book Group. Discuss fiction books with other readers at Barnes and Noble, 4801 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda, 7:30 p.m. Call 301-986-1761.

Concert. Willow Garden Theater presents afternoon concerts at Bethesda Gateway Building, 7201 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, 12-2 p.m. Free. Call 301-352-5387.

Shadow Puppets. Puppeteer David Barash brings international folk tales to life as he demonstrates the ancient art of shadow puppetry at the Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac, 7 p.m. Call 240-777-

0690.

Concert. Taylor Carson (Alternative/Pop) will perform at Bethesda Lane from 6-8 p.m. Located where Bethesda Avenue, Woodmont Avenue and Elm Street meet in Bethesda. Visit www.bethesdarow.com.

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Summer Reading Club Grand Finale at the Bethesda Library, 7400 Arlington Road, Bethesda, 1 p.m. Daniel Barash Shadow Puppets will share an insect-themed show and the Friends of the Library will provide ice cream for an ice cream social. Call 240-777-0970.

FRIDAY/AUG. 15

Six String Sing-a-Long. A musical performance and sing-a-long of children's favorites with Ellis Woodward at the Cabin John Mall Atrium, 11325 Seven Locks Road, Potomac, 9:30 a.m.

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Swingin' the Blues. The Glen Echo Park Partnership presents another Friday night Swingin' the Blues for a soothing end-of-the-work-week dance in the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. This night offers dancers a choice of two different lessons: West Coast Swing or a Slow Blues lesson, with Mike and Donna from 8 - 9 p.m. The lesson is followed by music from BG & the Mojo Hands.

Lesson from 8 to 9 p.m., dance from 9 p.m. to midnight. The \$13 admission includes the lesson. No partner required. Contact Email: dbarker@glenechopark.org.

Moths. Come discover why moths constitute about 90 percent of all the Lepidoptera on the planet from 7:30-11 p.m. Join Dr. David Adamski in reviewing the most common moth families found in the Capitol Region. After sunset, he'll help participants identify the moths that are attracted to his blacklight set-up on the Woodend grounds. Audubon **members: \$19; Nonmembers \$26.50.** Visit www.audubonnaturalist.org.

SATURDAY/AUG. 16

Back to School Fair. Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) will kick off the 2008-2009 school year with a Back-to-School Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., on the grounds of the Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Drive in Rockville. The fair will feature information and resources for parents to activities and entertainment for children. Families are invited to enjoy food from different countries, live music, storytelling, a moon bounce, and more. Contact DFCP at 301-279-3100.

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CALENDAR

FROM PAGE 10

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Park Tour. Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo, tours begin at 2 p.m. and lead visitors through a walking tour of the Park to learn about its history and the current programs in arts, dance and children's activities. Admission is free. Tours begin at the visitor's desk in the Arcade Building. Visit www.nps.gov/glec.

Nature Program. Come visit Discovery Creek Children's Museum Forest Tales exhibition at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Spend time with the entire family while participating in engaging science and nature activities. In the former Glen Echo Park stable building, near the park entrance. Open 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Admission is free for members and children under 2, \$5 for nonmembers. Call 202-337-5111 to make arrangements or visit www.discoverycreek.org.

Swing Dance. Gottaswing.com presents a swing dance with SingCo Rhythm Orchestra in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Beginner swing lesson with Tom & Debra, 8 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission: \$15. Contact Web site: www.gottaswing.com.

English Conversation Club. Join in practicing and improving your spoken English with the help of volunteers leading discussions at the Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac, 3 p.m. Call 240-777-0690.

Canoe and Camping Trip. Come enjoy the great outdoors with a canoe trip lead by Byron Bradley on Saturday afternoon that will start at Carderock Picnic Area and end on Minnie's Island for a night of camping under the stars and waking up on Sunday morning at the River Center at Lockhouse 8. Starts at 4 p.m. RSVP at www.potomac.org.

SUNDAY/AUG. 17

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Waltz Dance. Waltz Time presents a beginning waltz lesson from 3 to 3:30 p.m., followed by an afternoon of waltzes and other couples dances in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Dancing from 3:30 to 6 p.m. to the music of Cabaret Sauvignon. As always, no partner is required for this dance in the Spanish Ballroom, and the cost is \$8, including lesson. Contact Email: info@waltztime.com.

Blues Dance. The Glen Echo Park Partnership presents a Blues Dance with ACME Blues Company in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. For dancers who want to learn more about slow blues dancing, Mike Marcotte and Donna Barker offer a blues lesson from 7 to 8:30 p.m. No partner required. Doors open for "dance only" at 8:15 p.m. Admission: \$12 dance only/\$17 lesson & dance. Contact Email: dbarker@glenechopark.org.

Contra and Square Dance. The Folklore Society of Greater Washington presents traditional American dancing with a focus on New England style contra dances, including square dances, country mixers, waltzes and other couple dances at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo in the Bumper Car Pavillion. The newcomers' welcome lesson is at 7 p.m., followed by called dances with caller David Millstone calls to Anna Patton & Friends from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Admission: \$12 nonmembers/\$9 FSGW members. Web site: www.fsgw.org.

MONDAY/AUG. 18

Storytime. Monday morning storytime at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 4801 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda, 11 a.m. Call 301-986-1761.

TUESDAY/AUG. 19

NIH Tour. The Wellness Community - Greater Washington, DC will sponsor

a free guided tour of the National Library of Medicine at NIH for people with cancer and their loved ones, 1:30-3:30 p.m. The tour will be followed by a special demonstration of medical research databases. Participants should meet at The Wellness Community at 1 p.m. to carpool to NIH grounds. Meeting location: The Wellness Community - Greater Washington, DC, 5430 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 100, Bethesda. For reservations call 301-493-5002 or twcdc@thewellnesscommunity.org.

Science Book Group. Discuss books on Science and Technology at Barnes and Noble, 4801 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda, 7:30 p.m. Call 301-986-1761.

Bustles and Beaux. Join Michael Bevel for a discussion of Booth Tarkington's novel "The Magnificent Ambersons" at Bethesda Library, 7400 Arlington Blvd., Bethesda, 7 p.m. Call 240-777-0970.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 20

Concert. Willow Garden Theater presents afternoon concerts at Bethesda Gateway Building, 7201 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, 12-2 p.m. Free. Call 301-352-5387.

Concert. Meritkell Project (Jazz) will perform at Bethesda Lane from 6-8 p.m. Located where Bethesda Avenue, Woodmont Avenue and Elm Street meet in Bethesda. Visit www.bethesdarow.com.

FRIDAY/AUG. 22

Contra Dance. Contra dance is a type of folk dance for all ages. All dances feature top quality live music. Contra dances are held every Friday night at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, with a lesson at 7:30 p.m. and the dance from 8:30 - 11:30 p.m. Beginners are always welcome. Admission: \$9. Contact Email: info@fridaynightdance.org.

Cajun/Zydeco Dance. Dancing by the Bayou presents a Cajun/Zydeco dance with live music in the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Admission includes an introductory dance lesson with Michael and Sharon at 8 p.m. followed by dancing until midnight to music by the Pine Leaf Boys. Admission: \$18. Contact Website: www.dancingbythebayou.com.

SATURDAY/AUG. 23

English Conversation Club. Join in practicing and improving spoken English with the help of volunteers leading discussions at 3 p.m. at 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. 2 hours. Call 240-777-0690.

Storytime. Kat Tales featuring Kat Aerobics at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 4801 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda, 11 a.m. 301-986-1761.

THEATER

"Little Red Riding Hood & The Three Little Pigs" will be presented by The Puppet Co., Glen Echo Park, Playhouse, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo through Aug. 31. Show times are Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Ages 3-15. Cost is \$8. Call 301-320-6668.

Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Avenue, Bethesda, will present "The Neverending Story" from through Aug. 10. Enjoyed by ages 6 and up. Performance times are Saturdays 12:30, 3:30 and 7 p.m.

and Sundays 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. Single ticket prices range from \$10-\$20, with group rates available. The Box Office phone is 301-280-1660 or visit www.ImaginationStage.org.

The Puppet Co. presents "Tiny Tot Tuesdays," a program designed for our youngest theater patrons (ages 0 - 4). The shows are shorter, the lights stay on, the doors stay open and the show is set up on the floor. Performances on two Tuesdays each month (except December and January, which have just one) at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. \$5 for children (including babies) and adults. Reservations are recommended. 301-320-6668 or www.thepuppetco.org.

Elementary school students in grades 4, 5 and 6 can now enjoy an educational and entertaining 45-minute play called "Clara Barton, the Courage Within" at Adventure Theatre at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Glen Echo. After the play, students visit nearby Clara Barton National Historic Site where Miss Barton lived and conducted the American Red Cross for 15 years. Tuesdays at 10 a.m. during the school year for school groups and other large groups of age-appropriate children. Tickets are \$8. Minimum 50-person audience. No charge for visiting the historic home. Contact Adventure Theatre at 301-320-5331.

SPORTS

A Business He Loves

Bulldog turned Husky starts own business.

BY CHANDOS CULLEEN
THE ALMANAC

In today's economy, few are brave enough to start a new business.

Clearly Andrew Marcus didn't get the memo.

In May, Marcus, a current Division I tennis player at the University of Connecticut, founded DC Tennis Pros, a local tennis coaching company serv-

stepped off the court where he conducts lessons. Realizing that he liked to help people improve their skills, and that he would love nothing more than to play tennis all summer, Marcus quickly combined these interests into DC Tennis Pros.

After securing the use of a family member's private tennis court, Marcus began to build a client base. Using word of mouth, connections, Craig'slist.com, and his local renown as a former star and tennis state champion for Winston Churchill High School, Marcus began to attract his first clients. Now, with the help of his friend Jason Lieberman, Marcus has launched his own Web site and is working to attract even more interested players.

"It all started with my dad telling me to get a job,"

**— Andrew Marcus,
founder of DC Tennis Pros**

ing the DC Metropolitan area. In an area already full of tennis coaches and teaching areas, Marcus has worked hard to establish a solid client base. He now has over 20 clients.

"It all started with my dad telling me to get a job," said Marcus as he

A BIG EAST Tennis Academic All-Star, Marcus has used business savvy to attract customers away from the well-known tennis clubs that are abundant in the D.C. Metropolitan area. By using a family-owned court, Marcus has cut out what he refers to as "club fees and costs" and promises to charge between \$30 and \$35 an hour for a lesson. However, even a family court has costs — Marcus gives free lessons and hits



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Founder of DC Tennis Pros Andrew Marcus

with the owners, his mother's cousin.

Marcus will be returning to school in mid-August, but he does not plan for DC Tennis Pros to end there; he envisions DC Tennis Pros as a year-round endeavor. He is currently working on interviewing and hiring highly ranked high school players to serve as coaches for DC Tennis Pros during the school year. He is also looking for indoor court space to be able to continue business during the winter. Marcus also plans to ex-

pand even more next summer, hiring fellow collegiate players from the area to work as coaches.

As the business expands, Marcus doesn't plan on stepping away from coaching to manage the business. "I'm having fun. I get satisfaction out of watching them [the students] improve. Especially with the young students, when I teach them something, and I see them do it, it's almost like I'm doing it."

HEALTH NOTES

To have an item listed free in 7913 Westpark Drive, McLean VA 22102, e-mail to almanac@connectionnewspapers.com, or fax to 703-917-0991. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos encouraged. Unless otherwise noted, all events are in Potomac.

The Wellness Community - Greater Washington, D.C. is starting a free, monthly support group for people who have been newly **diagnosed with cancer** and their caregivers, **Aug. 6** from 5-6:30 p.m. Facilitated by a clinical social worker and oncology nurse, this support group will provide participants with strategies to cope with a cancer diagnosis. Location: The Wellness Community- Greater Washington, DC, 5430 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 100. Call 301-493-5002 or twcdc@thewellnesscommunity.org.

Teen Therapy Group. In this inter-

active therapy group, adolescent boys (ages 14-17) will use didactic and process-oriented strategies to develop and enhance skills for making and keeping friends, increasing self-esteem, improving social interactions, and managing negative feelings. Group meets on Mondays, **through Aug. 25**; 4:30-5:30 p.m. at JSSA, 200 Wood Hill Road, Rockville. Call 301-816-2633 to register.°

The Wellness Community - Greater Washington, D.C. offers free, regularly scheduled support groups for people with cancer and their caregivers. Location: The Wellness Community-Greater Washington, D.C., 5430 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 100, Bethesda. Call 301-493-5002 or twcdc@thewellnesscommunity.org.

In recognition of Home Safety Month, the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, Aging and

Disability Services is offering county residents **free reminder cards** with information on how to prevent falls in their homes. The "12 Ways to Prevent Falls" provides tips on how to decrease hazards in the home. In addition, this easy-to-post card provides ideas on how to lessen other risks for falling. To request a free "12 Ways to Prevent Falls," call the Department of Health and Human Services, Aging and Disability Services at 240-777-3000; TTY 240-777-4575.

The Greater Chesapeake and Potomac (GC & P) Region asks all eligible whole blood donors to "Be the One We Count On" by calling 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to schedule a donation appointment right away. Blood supply levels are at a critical low. The Greater Chesapeake and Potomac Region of the American Red Cross is offering all blood program participants an exclusive "Be the One We Count On" T-shirt, as well

as a chance to win \$100 worth of free gas in a weekly drawing. Information about Regional Blood Donor Centers or community blood drive locations and times can be found at www.my-redcross.org.

Montgomery County residents who do not have prescription drug coverage are encouraged to use the **Montgomery Rx** prescription drug discount cards when filling prescriptions. The Montgomery Rx program, launched in December 2004, provides free prescription discount cards to County residents, through a program sponsored by the National Association of Counties. The cards are easy to use and offer average savings of 20 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs. Residents can find the free cards at all County libraries, County health and human services locations and at participating pharmacies throughout Montgomery County. Visit

www.montgomerycountymd.gov and click on the Montgomery Rx link or call 240-777-1245.

The Greater Chesapeake and Potomac Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross reports dangerously low inventory of types O and B blood, causing the organization to issue an urgent plea to blood donors throughout the Region to schedule an immediate appointment to give the gift of life.

The Red Cross is reporting an inventory level for each of these blood types which is dramatically below the desired safe level of five to seven days worth of blood. Donors are urged to call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE immediately to schedule a donation appointment. Addresses and driving directions for these Donor Centers, as well as a complete list of community blood drives can be found at www.my-redcross.org or by calling 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

VOLUNTEER

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Montgomery Hospice, a nonprofit medical hospice that provides end-of-life services to residents of Montgomery County, is looking for volunteers to help support terminally ill patients and their families and caregivers. Bereavement Care Volunteers are also needed to provide emotional support to county residents who have lost a loved one.°Applicants must be interviewed and complete a three-day training session. The training will be held at the Mont-

gomery Hospice office, located at 1355 Piccard Drive, Suite 100, in Rockville. To request a volunteer application, contact Terry Stewart at 301-921-4400 or visit www.montgomeryhospice.org.

The Volunteer Mentoring Project for the Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS) is seeking volunteer mentors. Mentors give four hours a month to help low-income adult housing residents achieve their goals towards economic self-sufficiency. Mentors play an important role in guiding and motivating residents as they work toward developing job skills through education and job training. Mentors need to be at least 25-years-old and able to make a commitment to the program for at least

one year. Program staff provide mentor training and ongoing supervision. Call 301-929-5660, if interested in other volunteer opportunities in the Montgomery County area, contact the Montgomery County Volunteer Center at 240-777-2600.

SPARK, Single Parents Raising Kids, is a non-profit, all volunteer organization designed to support single parent families through social, family, and educational activities. Any parent who is single, separated, divorced, widowed, or never married and has at least one child under the age of 18 is eligible to join. There is no time commitment required. Members can choose the month of the activities that suit their interests and schedules. Dues are \$25 per year. Prospective members can join after

attending a one-hour session — children are welcome. Call 301-598-6395 or visit www.sparkinc.org.

Young people who would like to make a difference in the lives of a homeless child are invited to join the County's Youth Advisory Committee's **"Big Buddy, Little Buddy"** program.

Mentors must attend Montgomery County public or private high schools, provide their own transportation and commit to three hours a week for six months. Mentors will assist their "buddies" with homework and arts and crafts projects, plus play games and sports activities with them. Group activities are planned once a month off the premises. Students will qualify for student service learning credits.

The mentoring program is sponsored

by the Montgomery County Youth Advisory Committee, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Department of Recreation.

Call Stephanie White at 240-777-6985.

The Abused Persons Program of Montgomery County's Department of Health and Human Services is recruiting volunteers to assist victims of domestic violence who seek legal protection. Volunteers attend mandatory training sessions to learn about the court system and domestic violence laws. There is a special need for bilingual individuals.

Volunteers are needed to fulfill a variety of duties.

To apply or for more information, call the Abused Persons Program at 240-777-4210.

LETTERS

FROM PAGE 8

on which he wrote are, however, only the tip of the iceberg. Members and donors of MCHS, as well as all caring and humane people, would be shocked and saddened, in my opinion, if they were aware of the depth of subterfuge and the failure of fiduciary duties that appear to be rampant among some, if not all board members of MCHS. The waste and ineptitude of its management is deplorable. I believe a thorough investigation of its board of directors and an impartial audit of its finances is long overdue.

County Executive Ike Leggett and the Police Department should be applauded for their care, concern and determination that all the animals at the County Shelter receive the best humane treatment possible. Also if we had counted the adoptions as they do now, our adoption rate would have been around 88 percent.

The animals received outstanding medical care, the staff was treated with respect and every question asked by board members was answered; we were not a secret society and all ideas to help the animals and the organization were welcomed. The by-laws were adhered to, and paid employees were not allowed on the board. Our finances were open to anyone requesting information.

These practices are not exceptions, but only what is required by an open 501-C3 non profit organization.

Also the Asilomar Standards for adoption would not in any way restrict adoptions; they are an open and honest way of counting and processing adoptions.

Margaret Zanville
Past President MCHS

Mischaracterizing Asilomar Accords

To the Editor:

I read with interest the article in the Potomac Almanac ("Split Ranks at Montgomery County Humane Society", July 30, 2008) and wanted to correct a mischaracterization of the Asilomar Accords by MCHS Board President JC Crist:

"Crist said that he is strongly opposed to the Asilomar Accords because they would actually restrict his ability to place animals. For example, Crist said, a cat over seven-years-old would be deemed unadoptable by

the Asilomar standards, as would a dog over six-years-old. Crist said that he prefers to define 'adoptable' as broadly as possible and MCHS has specific programs designed to place elderly cats with elderly county residents, for instance."

As one of the founding members of the Asilomar Accords when I served as senior vice president for Companion Animals and Equine Protection for the HSUS and currently as a consultant to numerous humane societies and animals shelters on animal sheltering and community coalitions, I am intimately familiar with what the Asilomar Accords state in the definitions of what constitutes an "adoptable", "treatable", and "unhealthy/unadoptable" animal. (See www.asilomaraaccords.org/definitions.html) Nowhere in the definitions or in the entire Web site do the Asilomar Accords state that dogs or cats over a certain age be deemed "unadoptable", contrary to Mr. Crist's claim. In fact, the preamble to the definitions listed above state:

"In order to facilitate the data collection process and assure consistent reporting across agencies, the following definitions have been developed. The Asilomar participants hope that these definitions are applied as a standard for categorizing dogs and cats in each organization. The definitions, however, are not meant to define the outcome for each animal entrusted to our care."

Another of the founding members of the Asilomar Accords was Richard Avanzino, the president of Maddie's Fund, the largest U.S. animal welfare foundation whose primary goals are to fund the creation of a "no-kill nation" by creating "programs that guarantee loving homes for all healthy shelter dogs and cats throughout the country" and "The next step is to save the sick, injured and poorly behaved pets in animal shelters nationwide." Humane organizations applying for a Maddie's Fund grant are required to submit their intake statistics through the Asilomar Accords format. For an animal shelter that is struggling financially to state that it opposes one of the primary reporting requirements of the largest animal welfare foundations is, at best, extremely short-sighted.

Mr. Crist should be advised to have a more thorough knowledge of a topic (i.e., Asilomar Accords and their definitions) before stating that he is "strongly opposed" to it.

Martha C. Armstrong
Knoxville, Tenn.

A Designation To Die For



By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

I live in an old house. And by old, I mean, 250-plus years old. So old in fact, that recently, after 18 months of procedural pursuit with the Montgomery County Department of Parks & Planning, our house has been designated as an historic property and pending the absolute final stamp of approval by the Montgomery County Council and the County Executive, we will be, God help us, unimpeded in our efforts to rehabilitate and renovate this old house.

After having been able to delay the rehabilitation and renovation for the entirety of this process and to defer any decisions, allocate any budget, apply for any special dispensation (which the designation entitles us to; money, financing, etc.) as well, I fear, that now that we have earned — presumably, barring any unforeseen reversals of fortune — this designation, the path is clear. That being noted, that clear path may very well be the final straw that breaks the Lourie's bank.

Furthermore, I imagine, if we survive the renovation ordeal, that our house may become extremely livable — and lovable — and owner-friendly, too. However, Dina and I may have bitten off way more than we can chew and definitely a bit more than we'll ever be able to swallow. But our house is one of a kind, and it is historic (Isaac Burton, for whom Burtonsville, Md. is named, may very well have slept here, among other criteria), and we will try, working within the County-mandated framework (which was explained to us at the very beginning of this climb), a framework that will direct us, require us, restrict us, but hopefully not bankrupt us, as to what contractors we can select, what materials we can use, what colors are acceptable, what designs are appropriate, and what demolition is allowable; in general, what changes, any and all, fall within the confines of our designation, a confine, our contact at Park and Planning said, won't be nearly as confining as our conventional lack of wisdom and inexperience leads us to believe it will in fact be.

Nevertheless, as the end of the beginning (of the application process) nears, we are still committed (or perhaps will be, once we truly understand what we have undertaken). It appears that since we have been in for a dime, we will be in for a dollar, too. And it's those future dollars that scare me. The dimes I could handle, the dollars, not so much.

I can accept — and expect — the expenses I can see — windows, doors, gutters, down spouts, chimneys, fireplaces, roofing, flooring, walls, ceilings, fixtures, hardware, paint, plaster, kitchen, bathroom, etc. — but it's what I can't see (what's behind the wall? what's above the ceiling? what's underneath the floor?) that scares the daylight out of me and my future second mortgage. I can't afford to be a "yes" man to a contractor who keeps discovering more and more related, underlying-type problems. Complicated by the fact that my (our) experience and knowledge of such home renovation issues is somewhere between zero, and null and void. Consequently, our instincts — and budget — are not likely up to the many tasks yet at hand. However, living in our old house, as it currently stands, and it stands extremely well, is becoming increasingly more challenging; less and less works and more and more there are problems we are unable to solve.

One day, hopefully in the not-too-distant future, this house could be a magnificent example of how the Montgomery County Park & Planning Historic Preservation process assisted a homeowner in his pursuit of historical accuracy and 21st century livability. I just don't know if that actual day will be a day I can afford to see or live to enjoy. I realize a long journey begins with the first step, but since my first step is already broken, I'm not sure how many more I can take.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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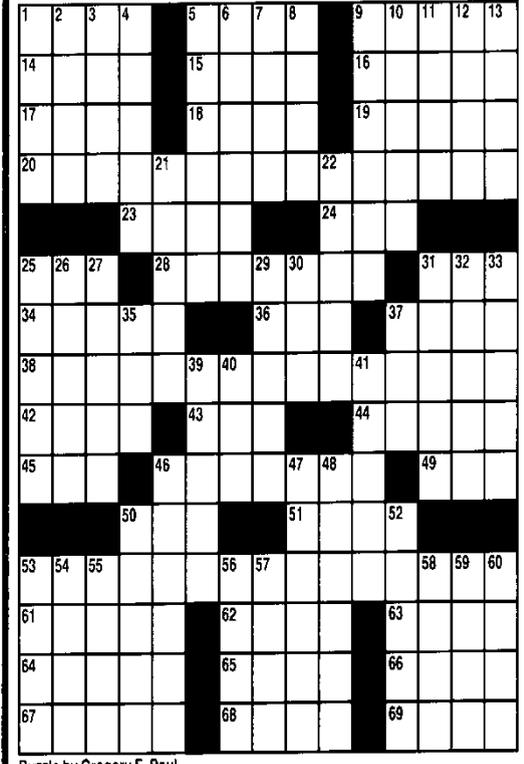
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ACROSS

- 1 Not so much
- 5 The "A" in N.E.A.
- 9 Spelunker
- 14 Very much
- 15 Partner of potatoes
- 16 Martini garnish
- 17 Neighbor of Senegal
- 18 100%
- 19 Actress Braga of "Kiss of the Spider Woman"
- 20 Jean Harlow, e.g.
- 23 Goodyear product
- 24 Grassland
- 25 Gift decoration
- 28 Sawbuck
- 31 12th graders: Abbr.
- 34 Sailor's "stop!"
- 36 Cpl. or sgt.
- 37 Came to a perch
- 38 Beatles transport
- 42 Nothing but
- 43 Sun, e.g.
- 44 Wound up
- 45 Springsteen's "Born in the _____"

DOWN

- 12 Like Darth Vader
- 13 Down-to-earth
- 21 "Same here!"
- 22 Blossom
- 25 Louisiana marsh
- 26 Pizzeria fixtures
- 27 When repeated, a Washington city
- 29 Gives the brushoff, maybe
- 30 Toxic compound, for short
- 31 Broken arm holder
- 32 Post-wash cycle
- 46 Aspen attire
- 49 Hair stiffener
- 50 Gorilla
- 51 Stiffly neat
- 53 Popular apple
- 61 Put up with
- 62 Chunks of history
- 63 Filly's father
- 64 Had a crush on
- 65 Trig function
- 66 Additionally
- 67 Skeptical
- 68 Popular sneakers
- 69 O'Neal of "Love Story"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

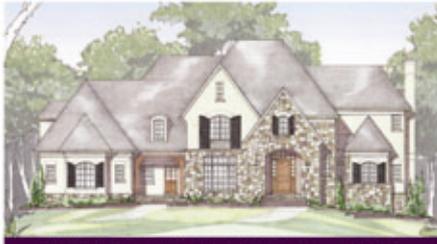
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